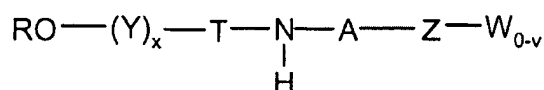


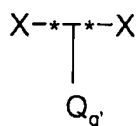
Please amend the claims as follows:

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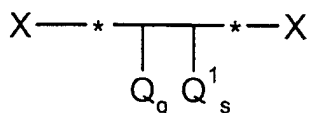
1. (currently amended) A composition comprising a particulate solid, an organic medium and/or water and  
 a compound of formula 1, 2, or 2a including salts thereof



Formula 1



Formula 2



Formula 2a

wherein

X-\*-\*X in Formulas 2 and 2a represents the polyamine and/or polyimine (Z);

Q is the chain RO-(Y)<sub>x</sub>-T-NH-A-;

q' in Formula 2 is from 2 to 2000;

Q' represents a polyester and/or polyamide chain of formula R<sup>1</sup>-G-(B)<sub>s</sub>;

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-50</sub>- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

G is a divalent bond or carbonyl;

B is the residue of one or more amino carboxylic acids and/or one or more hydroxy carboxyl acids or lactones thereof;

q and s in Formula 2a are positive integers greater than zero; and also in Formula 2a the sum of q + s is from 2 to 2000;

R is C<sub>1-50</sub>-optionally substituted hydrocarbonyl;

Y is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkyleneoxy;

T is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkylene;

A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic carbon to carbon double bond;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;

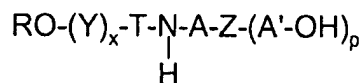
W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

x is from 2 to 60;

subscript 0-v is subscript from 0 to v; and

v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in Z which does not carry the group RO-(Y)<sub>x</sub>-T-NH-A-.

2. (currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 1a comprising a particulate solid, an organic medium and a compound of Formula (1a) and salts thereof:



Formula (1a)

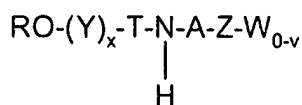
wherein:

A and [[A']] A' are independently, the residue of a dibasic acid which may be the same or different; and

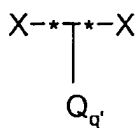
p is from 0 to 200.

3. (currently amended) The composition as claimed claim 1 wherein Y ~~is~~ comprises C<sub>3-4</sub>-alkyleneoxy repeat units and the chain represented by (Y)<sub>x</sub> may contain up to 75% by number of ethyleneoxy repeat units.

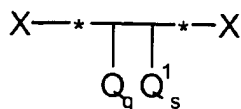
4. (currently amended) The composition as claimed in claim 2 wherein A and  $[[A']]$  A' are the residues independently derived from the group consisting of malonic acid, succinic and phthalic acid.
5. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the group represented by Z is polyethyleneimine.
6. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic medium is an organic liquid.
7. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic medium is a plastics material.
8. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the organic liquid comprises at least 0.1% by weight of a polar organic liquid based on the total organic liquid.
9. (original) The composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particulate solid is a pigment.
10. (currently amended) A mill-base comprising a particulate solid, an organic liquid and a compound of Formula (1), 2, or 2a including salts thereof:



Formula (1)



Formula 2

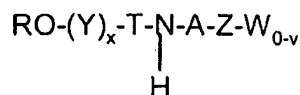


Formula 2a

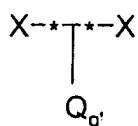
wherein

- X-\*\*-X in Formulas 2 and 2a represents the polyamine and/or polyimine (Z);
- Q is the chain RO-(Y)<sub>x</sub>-T-NH-A-;
- q' in Formula 2 is from 2 to 2000;
- Q<sup>1</sup> represents a polyester and/or polyamide chain of formula R<sup>1</sup>-G-(B)<sub>s</sub>-;
- R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-50</sub>- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;
- G is a divalent bond or carbonyl;
- B is the residue of one or more amino carboxylic acids and/or one or more hydroxy carboxyl acids or lactones thereof;
- q and s in Formula 2a are positive integers greater than zero; and also in Formula 2a the sum of q + s is from 2 to 2000;
- R is C<sub>1-50</sub>-optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;
- Y is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkyleneoxy;
- T is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkylene;
- A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;
- Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;
- W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;
- x is from 2 to 60;
- subscript 0-v is subscript from 0 to v; and
- v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in Z which does not carry the group RO-(Y)<sub>x</sub>-T-NH-A-.

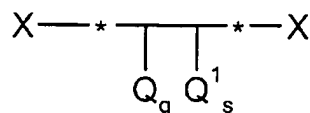
11. (currently amended) A paint or ink comprising a particulate solid, an organic liquid, a binder and a compound of Formula (1), 2, or 2a including salts thereof:



Formula (1)



Formula 2



Formula 2a

wherein

X-\*-\*X in Formulas 2 and 2a represents the polyamine and/or polyimine (Z);

Q is the chain RO-(Y)<sub>x</sub>-T-NH-A-;

q' in Formula 2 is from 2 to 2000;

Q' represents a polyester and/or polyamide chain of formula R<sup>1</sup>-G-(B)<sub>s</sub>;

R<sup>1</sup> is hydrogen or C<sub>1-50</sub>- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

G is a divalent bond or carbonyl;

B is the residue of one or more amino carboxylic acids and/or one or more hydroxy carboxyl acids or lactones thereof;

q and s in Formula 2a are positive integers greater than zero; and also in Formula 2a the sum of q + s is from 2 to 2000;

R is C<sub>1-50</sub>-optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

Y is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkyleneoxy;

T is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkylene;

A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;

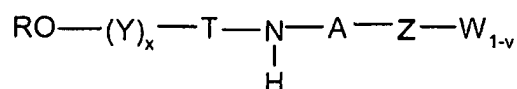
W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

x is from 2 to 60;

subscript 0-v is subscript from 0 to v; and

v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in Z which does not carry the group RO-(Y)<sub>x</sub>-T-NH-A-.

12. (currently amended) A compound of formula 1b, including salts thereof:



Formula 1b

wherein

R is C<sub>1-50</sub>-optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;

Y is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkyleneoxy;

T is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkylene;

A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic carbon to carbon double bond;

Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine;

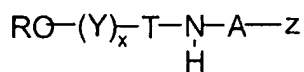
W is the residue of an oxide, urea or dibasic acid or anhydride thereof;

x is from 2 to 60;

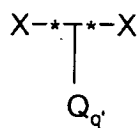
subscript 1-v is subscript 1 to v; and

v represents the maximum available number of amino and/or imino groups in Z which does not carry the group RO-(Y)<sub>x</sub>-T-NH-A-.

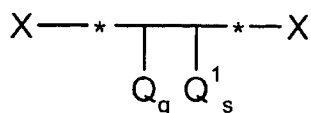
13. (currently amended) A compound of Formula ~~(1)~~ 1c, 2, or 2a including salts thereof:



Formula 1c



Formula 2



Formula 2a

wherein

- X-\*-X in Formulas 2 and 2a represents the polyamine and/or polyimine (Z);
- Q is the chain RO-(Y)<sub>x</sub>-T-NH-A-;
- q' in Formula 2 is from 2 to 2000;
- Q' represents a polyester and/or polyamide chain of formula R'-G-(B)<sub>s</sub>;
- R' is hydrogen or C<sub>1-50</sub>- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;
- G is a divalent bond or carbonyl;
- B is the residue of one or more amino carboxylic acids and/or one or more hydroxy carboxyl acids or lactones thereof;
- q and s in Formula 2a are positive integers greater than zero; and also in Formula 2a the sum of q + s is from 2 to 2000;
- R is C<sub>1-50</sub>- optionally substituted hydrocarbyl;
- Y is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkyleneoxy;
- T is C<sub>2-4</sub>-alkylene;
- A is the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride thereof, wherein A is not the residue of a dibasic acid or anhydride characterized as having an aliphatic carbon to carbon double bond;
- Z is the residue of a polyamine and/or polyimine having a number average molecular weight of not less than 1,500; and
- x is from 2 to 60.

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